

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

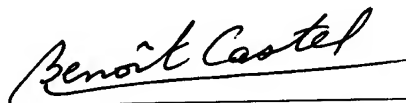
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A crystallization method for forming crystals of a substance in a solution, a suspension, or a mixture of liquids, in particular ice crystals from an aqueous solution or organic crystals from an organic melt. The method comprises the steps of crystallizing the solution to form a crystal slurry by cooling in a heat exchanger and feeding the crystal slurry from an outflow side of the heat exchanger to an inflow side of the heat exchanger via a recirculation duct and separating at least a part of the crystals from the liquid. A recirculation pump is included in the recirculation duct wherein the slurry is continuously supplied through the recirculation duct such that the crystals are homogeneously distributed in the duct and the heat exchanger and such that the under cooling at the outlet of the heat exchanger is the equilibrium temperature T_{eq} minus 0.5 to 0.9 times the meta-stable region ΔT_{max} .